

FAIR HOUSING AND PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS SYMPOSIUM
Sponsored by the Fair Housing and Public Accommodations Subsection
of the Real Property Law Section, State Bar of California

In celebration of National Fair Housing Month and the 50th anniversary of the California Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA), the Fair Housing and Public Accommodations Subsection invites interested attorneys and law students to learn more about the history of our California law, the most expansive and vibrant civil rights law in the nation, and hear current practitioners discuss cutting-edge issues arising under the FEHA and the Unruh Civil Rights Act.

Friday, April 17, 2009, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Golden Gate University School of Law, Room 2203
536 Mission Street (between First and Second)
San Francisco, CA 94105-2968

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Opening Presentations: 9-10

- **Phyllis W. Cheng**, Director, California Department of Fair Employment and Housing “Why Fair Housing Needs a Home at the Bar” and commemoration of the FEHA’s 50th anniversary
- **David B. Oppenheimer**, Professor, Golden Gate University School of Law
The struggle for civil rights in California: A brief history of the Unruh and Rumford Acts, Proposition 14, and the *Reitman v. Mulkey* (1967) 387 U.S. 369 decision

Panel One: 10-11:30

The Intersection between Real Estate Ads on the Internet and the Enforcement of Fair Housing Laws

Most real estate advertisements and classified listings for housing now appear on the Web. Who may be liable when one of those housing listings or advertisements states a discriminatory preference? The Communications Decency Act immunizes Web sites from liability arising out of content posted by the site’s users, but the Fair Housing Act prohibits publishing discriminatory statements. How those two laws interact, recent litigation about real estate advertisement on the Internet, and how Web sites that list housing are responding to fair housing concerns, will be covered in this panel.

Panelists: Liza Cristol-Deman or Elizabeth Brancart of Brancart & Brancart; Kurt Opsahl, Senior Staff Attorney, Electronic Frontier Foundation; one additional panelist TBD

Panel Two: 11:30-1

Discrimination in Housing and Employment: Similarities and Differences

Panelists with experience prosecuting, defending, and adjudicating both housing and employment discrimination cases will answer the question: Which legal principles from employment law apply to housing discrimination litigation? What aspects of housing litigation are unique?

Panelists: Ann Noel, Executive and Legal Affairs Secretary, California Fair Employment and Housing Commission; Servando R. Sandoval, Partner, Pahl & McCay; Susan Saylor, Associate Chief Counsel, California Department of Fair Employment and Housing

Lunch: 1-2

Panel Three: 2-3:30

Disability Access to Public Accommodations: Recent Developments

Panelists will discuss Senate Bill 1608, a comprehensive disability access measure recently enacted by the California Legislature, recent amendments to the ADA as they relate to access to public accommodations in California, and the case of *Munson v. Del Taco, Inc.* (9th Cir. 2008) 522 F. 3d 997, where certified questions as to whether a plaintiff needs to prove an intent to discriminate under the Unruh Act are pending before the California Supreme Court.

Panelists: Dara Schur, Northern California Director of Litigation, and Fred Nisen, Staff Attorney, Disability Rights California (formerly Protection & Advocacy); Lisa A. Wegner, attorney, Call, Jensen & Ferrell, representing Del Taco in *Munson v. Del Taco, Inc.*; and, Annmarie Billotti, Associate Chief Deputy Director | Special Projects Counsel, California Department of Fair Employment and Housing

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